Windham Trails Sub Committee (Final) Meeting Minutes March 30, 2022

Attendance:

Wayne Morris
Norm Babineau
Mark Samsel
Bill Hutchings (excused)
Derek Monson
Dave Curto
Jim Finn (excused)
Tom Constantino (excused)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.

Discussions:

Approval of 8/19/2021 meeting minutes – On hold.

SNHPC trail mapping – Zack presented final maps and confirmed sizes 3' x 2'. Reviewed latest updates. Clyde Pond and Gage Lands will remain separate maps and include both double wide walking trails and single-track MTB trails. Derek will send Zack Trailforks administrator contact for GPS coordinates. Zack to send out all permitted uses for approval.

Wood Meadow Trails – Shayne reports that three new bridges are installed on existing forest trails. Two granite "TRAIL" markers will be placed. New trail connection to old Spear Hill Road will be cleared. Town property at the end of Glendenin will be surveyed for boundary locations. Some improvements needed to trail surface and drainage. Will review onsite after marking.

Ashton Woods – Dave has questions on recent developments that may be encroaching on town property. Dave will email Shayne with details of which properties need marking.

Greenway Rail Trail updates – Karl Dubay presented updates on project to survey and map the full length of the Greenway Rail Trail. Several local engineering firms are volunteering significant resources to this first phase of the project. State of the art technology is being utilized to produce data that can be utilized in all of the next phases. Wetland markings and permitting. Grant funding requests. Dave would like the Town to try for trail easements to restore the whole former rail line. The Town has started a special fund for Greenway improvements and grant matches.

Great Mountain View, Del Ray, Ryan Farm – Karl reports developer would like to improve trails after completing construction. Bond monies may still be available. Wayne will check.

Highclere Trails – Karl reports new builder to complete the remaining houses. Bill had emailed the committee with punch list items. Bond monies may be available. Chestnut access needs to be finalized as new house is being finished there. Karl confirmed strict easments are on file to govern the trail location.

Harvey driveway across the Greenway Rail Trail – Approved by town vote. Awaiting next steps. Includes rail trail improvements.

Pedestrian Trail Easements – Maps located in a Town file for reference.

McIlvaine Town Forest trails – Forestry committee is working on a new trail that would connect the historic Osgood and McIlvaine cellar holes. Work estimate being submitted for possible ARPA funding. Additional trail connection to Simpson cellar hole discussed. Dave recommended a warrant article similar to Pelham for Forestry Fund disbursement.

Motion to adjorn at 9:20pm by Derek, seconded by Dave. Approved 4-0-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Norm Babineau.